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## 1. IFA Sheet and Body Works, Leipzig.

- a. In the first half of July 1953, the IFA Blechverformungs-und Karosseriewerk at Leipzig manufactured 35 tank trucks and four trailers.
- b. The plant also produced mufflers and small body parts for the IFA Works at Halle and the EMW Works at Eisenach.
- c. The plant is handicapped by severe material shortages and must discharge about 200 workmen.

## 2. Wezel Gear Works, Leipzig.

- a. The Getriebebau Wezel, Leipzig, has ceased manufacturing heavy gears for armored vehicles of the Volkspolizei, and instead is engaged on an order received early in July 1953 for 600 heavy gears for export to China. The order will occupy the plant until the end of this year.
- b. At the same time it was announced that vehicle parts (differentials and shafting) had to be delivered to the IFA Fahrzeugwerke, which also has received orders for large deliveries of heavy vehicles to China running to the end of the year. In addition, about 80 to 90 light gears are being currently manufactured monthly for the IFA Works.
- c. The plant has also turned out 25 or 30 continuous drive gears for an unknown purpose. Their main value is for heat resistance.
- d. Rolled steel is delivered as formerly by the VEB Getriebebau at Kirschau, near Bautzen.

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## 3. SAG Kirmow, Leipzig.

- a. The SAG Kirmow (formerly Unruh & Liebig), Leipzig, is currently building six very heavy drop-frame railway cars. The wheel and axle sets are delivered by the Radsatzfabrik Ilseburg at Harz.
- b. During the month of July, six anchor winches were delivered to the Neptun shipyard at Rostock.
- c. Current orders for the USSR concern mainly mining machinery and ship's equipment for high seas ships. Swinging cranes are also being manufactured for the Soviet Union, in all probability also for use on ships.
- d. An order from the Volkspolizei for a number of balloon winches and for 60 gun mounts has been returned.

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